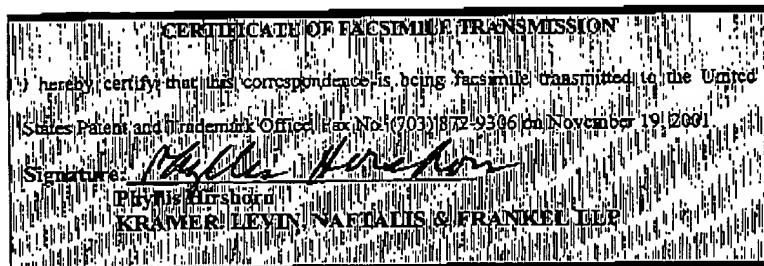


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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fees due and the issuance of a first Office Action in this application, please amend the application by deleting original claims 1 and adding new claims 78- 98 as indicated below.